burning of effigies of political leaders, pelting of stones on/damage to buses and other vehicles, and damage to private and public properties took place in Mumbai and some other parts of Maharashtra during the first to third weeks of February, 2008. According to the State Government, there was 336 incidents during this period, of which there were 8 incidents of assault on North Indian labourers/workers and some cases of damage to property like shops, stalls, handcarts, etc., in which 8-10 persons are reported to have been injured.

(c) A case under Sections 153 (A) and(B) and 117 IPC has been registered against Shri Raj Thackeray, Presidents of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and he was arrested on 13.2.2008 and produced in the Court, which granted him bail.

(d) The Ministry of Home Affairs had remained in touch with the State Government and asked them to take all necessary measures to maintain peace and normalcy in the State and take firm action against elements indulging in any kind of violence or illegal activities. 13 Coys of additional Central Para-Military forces were also provided to the State Government.The State Government has informed that prompt and firm action was taken against the culprits, and 1575 persons were arrested for substantive offences in addition to preventive action against 5159 persons. Effective deployment of the Police and security arrangements have been made to prevent any untoward incident and build confidence and a sense of security among all section of the people.

Rising crimes against women

*30. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest crime statistics reportedly released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) have shown that every hour 18 women became victims of crime and more than 7,618 women were killed for dowry alone and that Delhi topped the list of crime against women with 4,134 cases in 2006.

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise including crime against foreign tourists; and

(c) the preventive measures to far taken by Centre, in consultation with the State Governments, to save India's image as well as damage to the tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANDCRAO GAVIT): (a)Yes, Sir. As per the data compiled by the NCRB the total number of cases of crime and crime rate against women reported during 2004-06 are as follows:

Year	Total number of cases	Crime rate (incidence per one lakh of population)
2004	154333	142
2005	155553	14.1
2006	164765	14.7

The number of cases of dowry deaths reported during 2006 was 7618. In 2006 Andhra Pradesh had reported the highest number of cases of crime against women (21484) followed byU.P.(16375).Amongst cities, Delhi reported the highest number of cases (4134) in 2006.

(b) The State/UT-wise number of cases of crime against women including foreign women tourists during 2004-06 is enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below).

(c) Since'Police'and'Public Order'are the State subjects, as per the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India, prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, several measures have also been taken by the Ministry of Tourism to develop and promote India as a secure destination. The Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments/Union Territories for deployment of Tourist Police at all important tourist centres/destinations. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has also requested all the States/Union Territories to enact the Tourist Trade Act so as to discourage unscrupulous elements in the industry. A Complaint Redressal System has been developed through which each specific complaint can be followed up and taken to its logical conclusion. Following recent reports in the media regarding harassment and misbehaviour with tourists in India, the Ministry of Tourism discussed the issue of safery and security of tourists, amongst other issues, with Secretaries of Tourism of State/Union Territories, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence. It was emphasized that ensuring the safety and security of tourists is of paramount importance and State Governments/Union Territories must ensure the same.

Statement

State/UT-wise number cases registered for crimes against women during 2004—06

	Total Crimes Committed against Women (2004)	Total Crimes committee against Women (2005)	Total crimes committed against Women (2006)
	3	4	5
1. Andhra Pradesh	18921	20819	21484
2. Arunachal Pradesh	148	150	168
3. Assam	5700	6027	6801
4. Bihar	8091	6019	6740
5. Chhattisgarh	3763	3599	3757
6. Goa	132	121	96
7. Gujarat	6211	6343	7279
8. Haryana	4276	4161	4617
9. Himachal Pradesh	823	793	792
10. Jammu & Kashmir	2208	2144	2432
11. Jharkhand	2490	2544	2979
12. Karnataka	5423	6057	6084
13. Kerala	6483	6762	7554
14. Madhya Pradesh	15203	14529	14321
15. Maharashtra	12169	13370	14452
16. Manipur	134	140	171

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17.	Meghalaya	113	131	176
18.	Mizoram	91	95	125
19.	Nagaland	30	37	43
20.	Orissa	5239	6249	6825
21.	Punjab	1955	1969	2242
22.	Rajasthan	13127	11657	12934
23.	Sikkim	49	62	47
24.	Tamil Nadu	9332	8648	6489
25.	Tripura	670	840	964
26.	Uttar Pradesh	15485	14875	16375
27.	Uttaranchal	988	786	1038
28.	West Bengal	11047	11887	12785
	Total State	**150301**	150814	159770
29.	A&N Islands	27	22	36
30.	Chandigarh	188	205	224
31.	D & N Haveli	22	24	32
32.	Daman & Diu	7	10	9
33.	Delhi UT	3677	4351	4544
34.	Lakshadweep	1	0	1
35.	Pondicherry	110	127	149
	Total UT	**4032**	4739	4995
	Total All **India**	**154333**	**155553**	164765

Internal Security Scenario

*31. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Intelligence Bureau (IB) in its report has pointed out a grim internal security scenario across the country and India is under the seize of terror threat which could increase in the future;

(b) whether the alarming rise in the casualties suffered by the security forces both at the hands of maoists and terrorists during 2007 increased and 179 security personnel were killed in first 8 months of 2007 as against 100 in 2006;

(c) the other main features of the report; and

(d) the concrete measures and steps Government has taken to meet the security threat in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (c) The question is ostensibly based on some unspecified report of the Intelligence Bureau and, as such, it is not feasible to comment thereon.